

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated protein produced by a method comprising:  
culturing a host cell into which has been introduced a DNA expression vector comprising  
the following operably linked elements:
  - a transcription promoter;
  - a DNA segment ~~comprising~~ consisting of a nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID  
NO: 1 from nucleotide 76 to nucleotide 417; and
  - a transcription terminator, wherein said host cell expresses the polypeptide  
encoded by said DNA segment; andrecovering said protein.
2. The protein of claim 1, wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.
3. The protein of claim 1, wherein the host cell has had a second DNA vector introduced  
into it, wherein said second expression vector comprises the following operably linked  
elements:
  - a transcription promoter;
  - a DNA segment encoding an endoprotease; and
  - a transcription terminator,wherein said host cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by the DNA segment  
comprising a nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 from nucleotide 76 to  
nucleotide 417; and said DNA segment encoding said endoprotease.

Claims 4 and 5 (cancelled).

Claims 6 – 15 (withdrawn).